

# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

September 2011

## UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended September 17, 2011, there were 530,200 persons employed in Saskatchewan during September 2011, an increase of 1,200 from August 2011 and 4,900 more than the number employed in September 2010.

Agricultural employment was 42,100 persons in September 2011, up 800 from the August 2011 level but 200 less than the September 2010 agricultural employment level of 42,300. Non-agricultural employment was 488,100 persons in September 2011. This is an increase of 400 from the August 2011 non-agriculture employment level of 487,700 and 5,100 more than September 2010.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for September 2011 was 4.0 percent. This is a decrease of 1.3 percentage points from the August 2011 rate of 5.3 percent and 0.8 percentage points lower than the September 2010 level of 4.8 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 6,400 to 552,400 persons in September 2011 from 558,800 persons in August 2011. This is 400 more than the September 2010 labour force of 552,000 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.8 percentage points to 68.9 percent in September 2011 from 69.7 percent in August 2011. The September 2010 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.6 percent.

There were 22,100 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during September 2011. This is a decrease of 7,600 from August 2011 and is 4,600 less than the number unemployed in September 2010.

## SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 527,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan in September 2011, up 4,000 from the August 2011 level of 523,800 and is up 4,700 from the September 2010 employment level of 523,100 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 2011 was 4.6 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the August 2011 rate of 4.5 percent but 1.0 percentage points lower than the September 2010 rate of 5.6 percent.

## CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 138,600 persons in September 2011 to 17,450,200 persons from 17,588,800 persons in August 2011. In September 2010, there were 17,145,100 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 1.3 percentage points in September 2011 to 6.6 percent from the August 2011 level of 7.9 percent. In September 2010, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.4 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.1 percent in September 2011. This is 0.2 percentage points lower than August 2011 and 0.9 percentage points lower than the September 2010 level of 8.0 percent.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit [www.stats.gov.sk.ca](http://www.stats.gov.sk.ca)

TABLE 1

**SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES**

	<u>September 2011</u>	<u>August 2011</u>	<u>September 2010</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>CANADA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	18,684.4	19,104.8	18,518.6	-420.4	165.8
Employed ('000)	17,450.2	17,588.8	17,145.1	-138.6	305.1
Full-Time ('000)	14,207.8	14,652.8	13,839.9	-445.0	367.9
Part-Time ('000)	3,242.4	2,936.0	3,305.2	306.4	-62.8
Unemployed ('000)	1,234.2	1,516.0	1,373.5	-281.8	-139.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.6	7.9	7.4	-1.3	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.1	7.3	8	-0.2	-0.9
Participation Rate (%)	66.6	68.2	66.8	-1.6	-0.2
<b><u>SASKATCHEWAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	552.4	558.8	552.0	-6.4	0.4
Employed ('000)	530.2	529.0	525.3	1.2	4.9
Full-Time ('000)	439.8	454.3	426.0	-14.5	13.8
Part-Time ('000)	90.4	74.7	99.3	15.7	-8.9
Unemployed ('000)	22.1	29.7	26.7	-7.6	-4.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	5.3	4.8	-1.3	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	4.6	4.5	5.6	0.1	-1.0
Participation Rate (%)	68.9	69.7	69.6	-0.8	-0.7
<b><u>ALBERTA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	2,234.2	2,271.7	2,140.3	-37.5	93.9
Employed ('000)	2,119.3	2,127.7	2,014.7	-8.4	104.6
Full-Time ('000)	1,774.9	1,806.8	1,666.6	-31.9	108.3
Part-Time ('000)	344.4	320.9	348.1	23.5	-3.7
Unemployed ('000)	114.9	144.0	125.6	-29.1	-10.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	6.3	5.9	-1.2	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.4	5.6	6.2	-0.2	-0.8
Participation Rate (%)	74.0	75.4	72.1	-1.4	1.9
<b><u>MANITOBA</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	660.9	675.7	657.5	-14.8	3.4
Employed ('000)	625.8	631.0	624.8	-5.2	1.0
Full-Time ('000)	502.7	522.7	503.4	-20.0	-0.7
Part-Time ('000)	123.0	108.3	121.4	14.7	1.6
Unemployed ('000)	35.1	44.8	32.7	-9.7	2.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	6.6	5.0	-1.3	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.5	5.4	5.3	0.1	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.1	70.7	69.7	-1.6	-0.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	September <u>2011</u>	August <u>2011</u>	September <u>2010</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u></b>	552.4	558.8	552.0	-6.4	0.4
Male	299.2	304.2	294.8	-5.0	4.4
Female	253.2	254.6	257.1	-1.4	-3.9
15-24 Years of Age	89.3	101.1	88.7	-11.8	0.6
25+ Years of age	463.1	457.7	463.3	5.4	-0.2
<b><u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	530.2	529.0	525.3	1.2	4.9
Male	288.3	293.2	280.7	-4.9	7.6
Female	241.9	235.8	244.7	6.1	-2.8
15-24 Years of Age	80.6	93.0	80.0	-12.4	0.6
25+ Years of age	449.6	436.0	445.3	13.6	4.3
<b><u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u></b>	22.1	29.7	26.7	-7.6	-4.6
Male	10.9	10.9	14.2	0.0	-3.3
Female	11.3	18.8	12.5	-7.5	-1.2
15-24 Years of Age	8.6	8.0	8.7	0.6	-0.1
25+ Years of age	13.5	21.7	17.9	-8.2	-4.4
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>	4.0	5.3	4.8	-1.3	-0.8
Male	3.6	3.6	4.8	0.0	-1.2
Female	4.5	7.4	4.9	-2.9	-0.4
15-24 Years of Age	9.6	7.9	9.8	1.7	-0.2
25+ Years of age	2.9	4.7	3.9	-1.8	-1.0
<b><u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u></b>	68.9	69.7	69.6	-0.8	-0.7
Male	75.3	76.6	75.0	-1.3	0.3
Female	62.6	63.0	64.2	-0.4	-1.6
15-24 Years of Age	65.4	74.0	64.3	-8.6	1.1
25+ Years of age	69.6	68.9	70.7	0.7	-1.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

	<b><u>September 2011</u></b>	<b><u>August 2011</u></b>	<b><u>September 2010</u></b>	<b><u>Change from Last Month</u></b>	<b><u>Last Year</u></b>
<b><u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u></b>					
Agriculture	42.1	41.3	42.3	0.8	-0.2
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.1	26.8	25.4	-1.7	-0.3
Utilities	5.1	5.4	5.0	-0.3	0.1
Construction	41.6	43.2	41.1	-1.6	0.5
Manufacturing	25.6	27.1	31.6	-1.5	-6.0
Trade	81.1	83.4	78.5	-2.3	2.6
Transportation and Warehousing	26.4	26.0	25.1	0.4	1.3
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	31.0	30.2	30.7	0.8	0.3
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	26.3	25.6	21.1	0.7	5.2
Business, Building and Other Support Services	11.5	12.9	10.5	-1.4	1.0
Educational Services	38.8	32.5	40.7	6.3	-1.9
Health Care and Social Assistance	68.9	67.0	69.3	1.9	-0.4
Information, Culture and Recreation	18.5	19.9	18.6	-1.4	-0.1
Accommodation and Food Services	30.6	31.4	30.1	-0.8	0.5
Other Services	26.6	25.6	26.5	1.0	0.1
Public Administration	30.9	30.8	28.8	0.1	2.1
Total	530.2	529.0	525.3	1.2	4.9
<b><u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u></b>					
Full-Time	439.8	454.3	426.0	-14.5	13.8
Part-Time	90.4	74.7	99.3	15.7	-8.9
<b><u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u></b>					
Employees	430.2	433.1	421.6	-2.9	8.6
Public Sector	134.1	128.3	131.3	5.8	2.8
Private Sector	296.0	304.8	290.3	-8.8	5.7
Self-Employed	100.1	95.9	103.7	4.2	-3.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

	<b><u>September 2011</u></b>	<b><u>August 2011</u></b>	<b><u>September 2010</u></b>	<b><u>Change from Last Month</u></b>	<b><u>Change from Last Year</u></b>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	17,450.2	17,588.8	17,145.1	-138.6	305.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	227.9	233.2	232.4	-5.3	-4.5
Prince Edward Island	75.7	77.6	71.4	-1.9	4.3
Nova Scotia	455.3	467.1	458.6	-11.8	-3.3
New Brunswick	358.7	366.1	359.7	-7.4	-1.0
Quebec	4,008.8	4,026.9	3,978.2	-18.1	30.6
Ontario	6,744.3	6,833.1	6,615.0	-88.8	129.3
Manitoba	625.8	631.0	624.8	-5.2	1.0
Saskatchewan	530.2	529.0	525.3	1.2	4.9
Alberta	2,119.3	2,127.7	2,014.7	-8.4	104.6
British Columbia	2,304.2	2,297.1	2,265.0	7.1	39.2
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
Canada	6.6	7.9	7.4	-1.3	-0.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.6	13.4	11.2	-1.8	0.4
Prince Edward Island	9.2	9.2	10.9	0.0	-1.7
Nova Scotia	7.8	8.5	8.5	-0.7	-0.7
New Brunswick	7.6	9.1	8.2	-1.5	-0.6
Quebec	6.4	7.9	7.0	-1.5	-0.6
Ontario	7.2	8.4	8.3	-1.2	-1.1
Manitoba	5.3	6.6	5.0	-1.3	0.3
Saskatchewan	4.0	5.3	4.8	-1.3	-0.8
Alberta	5.1	6.3	5.9	-1.2	-0.8
British Columbia	6.3	8.1	7.3	-1.8	-1.0

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

**CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	September <u>2011</u>	August <u>2011</u>	September <u>2010</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Canada	17,399.6	17,338.7	17,105.3	60.9	294.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	220.2	222.0	224.0	-1.8	-3.8
Prince Edward Island	73.3	72.0	69.1	1.3	4.2
Nova Scotia	453.3	455.5	456.5	-2.2	-3.2
New Brunswick	352.9	350.2	354.6	2.7	-1.7
Quebec	3,972.2	3,970.0	3,946.7	2.2	25.5
Ontario	6,757.3	6,744.6	6,621.6	12.7	135.7
Manitoba	624.7	622.8	624.5	1.9	0.2
Saskatchewan	527.8	523.8	523.1	4.0	4.7
Alberta	2,118.2	2,109.6	2,020.5	8.6	97.7
British Columbia	2,299.7	2,268.1	2,264.7	31.6	35.0

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)**

Canada	7.1	7.3	8.0	-0.2	-0.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.5	13.7	13.6	-0.2	-0.1
Prince Edward Island	11.4	11.4	13.4	0.0	-2.0
Nova Scotia	8.4	8.9	9.1	-0.5	-0.7
New Brunswick	8.9	9.2	9.8	-0.3	-0.9
Quebec	7.3	7.6	7.8	-0.3	-0.5
Ontario	7.6	7.5	8.7	0.1	-1.1
Manitoba	5.5	5.4	5.3	0.1	0.2
Saskatchewan	4.6	4.5	5.6	0.1	-1.0
Alberta	5.4	5.6	6.2	-0.2	-0.8
British Columbia	6.7	7.5	7.6	-0.8	-0.9

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 6

**SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	<u>September</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>August</u> <u>2011</u>	<u>September</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>Change from</u> <u>Last Month</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
<b>CANADIAN CITIES</b>					
<b><u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u></b>					
St. John's	7.1	7.1	8.4	0.0	-1.3
Halifax	6.6	6.5	6.7	0.1	-0.1
Saint John	6.3	6.3	9.1	0.0	-2.8
Quebec	4.3	4.7	4.4	-0.4	-0.1
Montreal	8.1	8.5	8.6	-0.4	-0.5
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.8	5.6	7.8	0.2	-2.0
Greater Sudbury	7.0	7.3	10.6	-0.3	-3.6
Toronto	8.7	8.9	10.0	-0.2	-1.3
Winnipeg	6.6	6.3	6.3	0.3	0.3
Regina	4.7	4.9	5.4	-0.2	-0.7
Saskatoon	6.1	5.6	5.7	0.5	0.4
Calgary	6.2	6.3	6.8	-0.1	-0.6
Edmonton	5.7	5.6	7.0	0.1	-1.3
Vancouver	7.4	7.6	7.7	-0.2	-0.3
Victoria	6.3	6.1	5.4	0.2	0.9
<b>SASKATCHEWAN</b>					
<b><u>ECONOMIC REGIONS</u></b>					
<b><u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u></b>					
Regina-Moose Mountain	170.4	168.6	166.1	1.8	4.3
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	50.2	50.3	51.6	-0.1	-1.4
Saskatoon-Biggar	172.7	176.2	175.2	-3.5	-2.5
Yorkton-Melville	40.6	39.9	41.4	0.7	-0.8
Prince Albert & Northern	96.7	98.0	95.0	-1.3	1.7

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)



TABLE 7

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY**  
**FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER**  
**(3 Month Moving Average)**

	September <u>2011</u>	August <u>2011</u>	September <u>2010</u>	Change from <u>Last Month</u>	Change from <u>Last Year</u>
<b><u>TOTAL POPULATION</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	556.9	560.1	557.6	-3.2	-0.7
Employed ('000)	529.3	532.0	527.2	-2.7	2.1
Unemployed ('000)	27.6	28.1	30.5	-0.5	-2.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	5.0	5.5	-0.1	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	69.5	70.0	70.4	-0.5	-0.9
Employment Rate (%)	66.1	66.5	66.5	-0.4	-0.4
<b><u>NON-ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	508.7	511.7	513.1	-3.0	-4.4
Employed ('000)	487.5	490.0	489.6	-2.5	-2.1
Unemployed ('000)	21.2	21.7	23.6	-0.5	-2.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	4.2	4.6	0.0	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	69.6	70.0	70.9	-0.4	-1.3
Employment Rate (%)	66.7	67.1	67.6	-0.4	-0.9
<b><u>ABORIGINAL</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	48.2	48.4	44.5	-0.2	3.7
Employed ('000)	41.8	42.1	37.6	-0.3	4.2
Unemployed ('000)	6.4	6.4	6.9	0.0	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.2	13.2	15.5	0.0	-2.3
Participation Rate (%)	68.9	69.4	64.9	-0.5	4.0
Employment Rate (%)	59.8	60.2	54.9	-0.4	4.9
<b><u>NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	20.0	20.0	17.8	0.0	2.2
Employed ('000)	16.1	16.4	14.0	-0.3	2.1
Unemployed ('000)	3.9	3.6	3.8	0.3	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	19.4	17.9	21.5	1.5	-2.1
Participation Rate (%)	65.4	65.6	59.4	-0.2	6.0
Employment Rate (%)	52.8	53.9	46.6	-1.1	6.2
<b><u>METIS</u></b>					
Labour Force ('000)	28.2	28.4	26.1	-0.2	2.1
Employed ('000)	25.7	25.6	23.1	0.1	2.6
Unemployed ('000)	2.5	2.8	3.0	-0.3	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.9	9.9	11.7	-1.0	-2.8
Participation Rate (%)	71.6	72.4	68.8	-0.8	2.8
Employment Rate (%)	65.3	65.2	60.8	0.1	4.5

## Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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